

**Regional Consultation on  
Collective Actions for Opening Access to Agricultural Information and  
Knowledge in the Asia-Pacific Region**

(13-15 December, 2012)

Thimphu, Bhutan

**TENTATIVE PROGRAM**

<b>Day 1 Thursday (13 December, 2011)</b>		
08:30 – 09:00	Registration	
<b>Inaugural Session</b>		
	Chairperson: Dr Raj Paroda, APAARI	
	Co-Chair: Dr Tashi Samdup, CoRRB	
09:00 – 9:07	Welcome Address	Dr Raj Paroda, Executive Secretary, APAARI
09:07 – 9:25	Welcome Address	Dr Tashi Samdup, Executive Director, CoRRB
09:25 – 09:40	Introduction of Participants	
09:40 – 09:45	General Remarks	Dr Ajit Maru, GFAR
09:45 – 09:50	General Remarks	Mr Gerard Sylvester, FAO
09:50 - 09:55	General Remarks	Dr Abul Kalam Azad, Director, SAARC Agri. Centre (SAC)
09:55 - 10:15	Inaugural Address	Chief Guest - to be decided by the CoRRB/ICS
10:15 – 10:25	Chairman's Concluding Remarks	Dr Raj Paroda, APAARI
10:25 – 10:30	Vote of Thanks	Ms. Singye Wangmo, Director, ICS
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee break and Group Photo	
<b>Session 1: Collaboration for Sharing Agricultural Information and Knowledge at the Regional and Global Levels</b>		
	Chair : Dr Tashi Samdup, CoRRB	
	Co-chair : Ms. Singye Wangmo, ICS	
11:00–11:20	Status of ICM in the Asia-Pacific and collaboration through APARIS	Dr S. Attaluri, APAARI
11:20-11:40	Collaboration through CIARD initiative in the region	Mr Gerard Sylvester, FAO
11:40-12:00	Sharing agricultural information in SAARC countries	M. Golam Mustafa, SAC
12:00-12:20	Global perspective on sharing and using agricultural information and knowledge	Dr Ajit Maru, GFAR
12:20-12:40	Open discussion	
12:40-14:00	Lunch	
<b>Session 2: Use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in Agriculture in the SAARC Region</b>		
	Chair : Dr Abul Kalam Azad, SAC	
	Co-chair : Dr. S. Attaluri, APAARI	
14:00 – 15:00	Presentation on country reports in the SAARC region	About 20 min. presentation by each country followed by discussion on each presentation. Six reports from SAARC countries are expected.
15:00 – 15:20	Coffee break	
15:20 – 17:00	Presentations continue.....	
17:00 – 17:30	General discussion on the national level experiences	

19:00 -	Reception Dinner	
<b>Day 2 Friday (14 December, 2012)</b>		
<b>Session 3: Innovative approaches in the use of ICT/ICM in Agriculture in other Asia-Pacific countries</b>		
	Chair : Dr Ajit Maru, GFAR	
	Co-chair : Mr Gerard Sylvester, FAO	
9:00-10:30	Sharing of National Level Experience on Innovative practices in use of ICT/ICM in agriculture	15 minutes presentation followed by discussion. Six important experiences will be shared from the national experiences in the panel discussion mode.
10:30-10:45	Coffee break	
11:45-12:30	Experience of International Agricultural Research Centers (CGIAR) and other Organizations in 'opening' access to agricultural information.	IRRI, ICRISAT, JIRCAR and ESCAP may share their initiatives in the panel discussion mode.
12:30 -13:00	General Discussion	
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
<b>Session 4: Collective Actions for Opening Access to Agricultural Information and Knowledge for All</b>		
	Chair: (TBC)	
	Co-chair: (TBC)	
14:00 - 14:20	Need for Collective Actions for Opening Access to Agricultural Information and Knowledge – GCARD 2 Roadmap	Dr Ajit Maru, GFAR
14:20 – 15:10	Working Session on Identifying key issues in Collective Actions: 1. Technical 2. Institutional 3. Participation and use by Communities	The format will be World Café Session Facilitators: Dr Attaluri, Mr Gerard Sylvester and Ms. Singye Wangmo
15:10-15:45	Presentation of the Group Works and Discussion	
15:45-16:00	Coffee break	
16:00-16:45	Prioritizing the Key Issues for Collective Actions in for generation, access and use of agricultural information and knowledge	
16:45-17:30	Identification of Actions on Key Issues at institutional, national, regional and global levels	
<b>Day 3 Saturday (15 December, 2012)</b>		
<b>Session 5: Plenary Session</b>		
	Chair: Dr Raj Paroda, APAARI	
	Co-chair: Dr Ajit Maru, GFAR	
09:00 – 10:30	Presentation of the Actions on Key Issues for enabling institutional commitments and new partnerships in the region	By Group Leaders
10:30 – 11:00	Open discussion on the commitments and the way forward	
11:00 – 11:00	Coffee break	
11:30 – 12:30	Valedictory Program	
	Concluding Remarks	Ms. Singye Wangmo, ICS Dr Abul Kalam Azad, SAC Mr Gerard Sylvester, FAO Dr Tashi Samdup, CoRRB
	Concluding Remarks by the Co-Chair	Dr Ajit Maru, GFAR
	Concluding Remarks by the Chair	Dr Raj Paroda, APAARI
	Vote of Thanks	Mr Kailash Pradhan, CoRRB
12:30 -	Close	